P. W. D., it would certainly be a good thing to make over the bye-paths &c., to the Committees for maintenance.

Member.—I too mentioned only about the village roads.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

96. The removal of certain buildings on the southern bank of the Commercial canal.

Mr. M. Chinnappa Pillai (Member, T. I. C., Alleppey) said that, on the southern bank of the Commercial canal, there were some buildings, which were very old and dilapidated and mostly roofed with cadjans. In consequence of the dirty condition of the buildings and also the great pressure of traffic on the main road, the place had become very much congested and insanitary and inconvenient for wheeled traffic. Similar buildings that existed on the northern bank of the canal were removed with special sanction, and the safety of the town was thereby increased. The presence of those buildings was a great hindrance to the proposed improvement of the Commercial canal. Replying to the Dewan, the Member said that some of the buildings were Mahomedan mosques; but as they were not regular mosques, there could be no objection to shift them to other places. He therefore requested the removal of the buildings at an early date.

The Dewan having invited the views of Mr. Shaik Mahomed Hamidani Thangal (Member, Nominated) on the proposal, the latter said that the Mahomedans had strong objection to remove any mosque, after it was once established in a place.

Mr. P. John Mathew (Member, Trading Classes, Alleppey) also rose and said that, on behalf of the merchants of Alleppey, he strongly objected to Mr. Chinnappa Pillai's proposal.

Dewan's reply.—The Dewan Peishkar will be asked to enquire into and report on the whole question.

97. The unsatisfactory state of sanitation in the town of Alleppey and suggestions for its improvement.

Mr. P. John Mathew (Member, Trading Classes, Alleppey) said that the sanitation of the town of Alleppey was in a very deplorable condition. The majority of people in the town, on account of the want of proper latrines, made use of the Commercial canal and both sides of the Vadai canal as latrines. The few dirty latrines, which had no proper fencing, were not being properly cleaned. The pail system, which was in use in the town, was opposed to one of the first principles of sanitation, as it kept the excreta adjacent to human dwellings for some time. All the refuse swept from the roads adjoining the Commercial and the Vadai canals were thrown into them. He suggested that large incinerators might be used. They should be placed in populous centres and efficiently worked without being in any way offensive or objectionable. The canal banks were a source of continuous nuisance, as they were being used for purposes of nature.

The peculiar position of the Darragh market and its filthy condition were the root of all the contagious diseases that broke out in the town. It was situated centrally and was closed on its four sides by numerous houses and shops. It was desirable to ask the Dewan Peishkar and the Sanitary Commissioner to make a thorough inspection of the place and report on the desirability or otherwise of removing the market to some other place.

During the out-break of small-pox and cholera and on such other occasions, the disinfection, done by the Alleppey Committee, was far from satisfactory. The great number of pariah dogs roaming about the town was a source of positive injury to the health of the town. The funds sanctioned for their destruction were not used for that purpose.

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He next said that the Government grant to the Committee was deplorably poor. He requested that the Government should re-consider the question. But, if the allotment could not be increased, he requested that the appropriation of any amount over and above the reserve fund of Rs. 2,000, might be sanctioned for immediate expenses.

In conclusion, he requested that the Government might be pleased—

(1) to appoint a Committee, consisting of the Sanitary Commissioner, the Dewan Peishkar and some non-official members, to enquire into the present unsatisfactory state of the sanitation of the town and to suggest remedies ;

(2) to sanction the appropriation, for the increased needs of the town, of the excess over the reserve fund in the Town Fund ;

(3) to place the Committee in the hands of a non-official President, at least as a trial for one year ; and

(4) to appoint a qualified and up-to-date Sanitary Inspector.

Dewan's reply.—The representations of the Member will be communicated to the Town Improvement Committee of Alleppey.

98. Suggestions for improving the insanitary condition of the town of Shencotta.

Mr. S. Subramania Karayalar, B. A. (Member, Shencotta taluk) said that Shencotta was a thickly populated place. The houses were huddled together without sufficient intervening space necessary for communal purposes. Except the main roads in the town, all the lanes were very narrow, and the Town Improvement Committee, being very poor at present, were unable to light up even the main roads. Consequently, the narrow lanes were left uncared for. For want of sufficient room, the places were defiled by being used for calls of nature. Another evil was the insanitary condition of the Perumalkulam. The tank was used as a public latrine by the people of Shencotta during the major portion of the year. It was a store-house for the town rubbish and the people living in small houses collected all the night soil in a vessel and threw the contents into the same tank both day and night. As there was no drainage system in the town, the refuse water in all the houses found their way to the tank. By the action of the burning rays of the sun on the water of the tank from Chingom onward, the place emitted a most unbearable odour, and cholera often made its appearance with all its virulence, and many precious lives were lost year after year. The tank being close to the Travellers' Bungalow, many of the officers would, he was sure, testify to the truth of what he said and the urgent necessity for filling up the tank. He, therefore, requested that the tank should be acquired and covered up. He added that the people would be willing to purchase the area. He also requested that the lanes mentioned above be converted into cartable roads and properly lighted. In view of the importance of the town, it was necessary to construct a satrom at Shencotta near the Railway Station.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

99. Certain needs of the town of Vycome.

Mr. K. G. Krishna Pillai (Member, T. I. C., Vycome) said that the existing outlet, constructed by the Government at much expense, to drain off the *kadi* from the Vycome temple and the impure water from the temple tank, was of no use, and, consequently, the sanitation of the place could not be maintained. He suggested that a better outlet should be made either by improving the existing canal leading westward to the lake or southward to the Puthenthodu.

He next said that, for want of efficient supervision, the town roads round the temple, the *porambokes* attached to the roads and the temple tank, were not properly maintained, and that the sanitation of the place was also unsatisfactory. He suggested

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